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SERIAL NO.: 10/708,450 GROUP NO.: Not yet assigned
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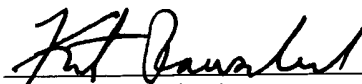
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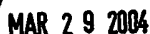
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